

Getting There

There are two entrances to Hartman Rocks. The main entrance is the Base Area with a large parking lot, restroom, potable water, unloading ramp and picnic shelter. To get there go about 1.5 miles west of Gunnison on Hwy 50, turn left on the Gold Basin Road (Gunnison County Road 38), go about 2.2 miles and turn right for Hartman Rocks. Camping is not allowed at the Base Area. The McCabe Lane entrance provides access to the west side of Hartman Rocks. To get there go west of Gunnison on Hwy 50 for about 4 miles, turn left on McCabe Lane (Gunnison County Road 32) and go about 1.5 miles south to a turnoff just beyond the gravel pit. There is a small parking area near the turnoff.

Know Before You Go

Motorized vehicles and mountain bikes must stay on the designated roads and trails that are shown on this map. No new routes may be created and no modifications may be made to designated routes without specific permission from the land managing agencies. ATVs and full sized vehicles are not allowed on single track trails. Private property is located within and around the Recreation Area so be sure to stay on public land or you may be cited for trespassing. The entire area is closed in the spring mud season until roads and trails dry out. This closure is necessary to prevent damage to roads and trails. Roads and Trails south of the powerline are closed until May 15 to support conservation of the Gunnison Sage Grouse. Check the local papers and shops or call the BLM (642-4940) for more information.

Taking Care of the Area

Increased use puts additional stress on the other resource values in the area. Soil, water, vegetation, wildlife, and cultural resources are all important parts of this special place. Hartman Rocks is home to the Skiff Milkvetch; a rare plant that lives only in this area, as well as the Gunnison Sage Grouse. Riparian areas are important for wildlife, especially nesting birds. The Hartman Rocks area is critical winter range for deer and elk. Archaeological sites up to 5,000 years old occur here. All of these values can be impacted by careless use. Here are some things you can do to decrease the impacts of your visit.

Please:

- Stay on designated roads and trails.
- Minimize your use during wet conditions.
- Honor all seasonal closures.
- Minimize your noise to reduce disturbance to wildlife and other visitors.
- Leave No Trace of your visit – pack out your trash.
- Do not trespass on private land.
- Don't chase wildlife, especially in the winter. Control your pets.
- If camping, bring your own firewood.
- If you find a closed gate, please close it behind you to ensure proper livestock management.
- Join us for periodic work days to maintain trails and keep the area clean.



Hartman Rocks Recreation Area

This area gets its name from the Hartman Family who were early pioneers in the Gunnison Valley. Today this popular area includes 160 acres owned by the City and County (the Base Area) and 14,423 acres of federal land cared for by the Bureau of Land Management (BLM). Mountain bikers, hikers, motorcyclists, rock climbers, horse riders, runners, cross country skiers and many other groups enjoy their sports here. The City, County, and BLM in partnership with neighboring landowners and trail advocacy groups, work together to manage and improve this area. Management Plans for the Base Area and the BLM lands have been completed in cooperation with the public to help us find the proper balance between providing a variety of recreation opportunities and caring for the area's resources. This brochure is meant to help visitors enjoy the area, get along with other users and to reduce the impacts of your visit so we can all continue to enjoy this area for many years to come.

Recreational Opportunities

Mountain Biking – 45 miles of single track and 45 miles of roads are open to mountain biking. Trails have signs at each end indicating difficulty and uses allowed. Freefall is experts only. Remember you share the trails with other groups so keep an eye out for other users going faster or slower than you. There is a jump park for bicycles at the Base. Golf Course Trail is closed to bicycles. **Hiking and Trail Running** – These activities may be practiced anywhere in the area. Please stay on designated routes to prevent the creation of new trails. Golf Course Trail is for foot and horse use only. **Rock Climbing** – practiced mainly on the granitic ridge that gives Hartman Rocks its name. A number of sites have established routes. Climb at your own risk; no one guarantees the soundness of any bolts or anchors. No bolting or climbing is allowed in or around the Aberdeen Quarry (on private property). Temporary closures may occur around cliff nesting birds until they have fledged their young.

Motorcycling – allowed on 44 miles of trails and 45 miles of roads. Additionally, there is a Motorcycle Terrain Park with a 1 mile closed loop track near the McCabe Lane entrance. Respect other visitors by being careful when you pass & minimize your noise around others. The Ridge Trail, Golf Course Trail, and several Base Area trails are closed to motorcycles and Trail 9-0 has additional seasonal restrictions.

4Wheel Drive and ATV Use – is allowed on 45 miles of roads in the area. These vehicles are not allowed to push their way down single track trails. ATVs are also allowed to use the Terrain Park track near McCabe Lane entrance.

Horse Use – Horse riders are welcome on all of our designated routes. Please stay off the trails in the spring when they are wet to avoid damage. Be ready for other users on single track trails.

Camping – is generally allowed wherever you find a fire ring. Please do not create new campsites! Firewood is limited in this area, so bring your own nail-free firewood. Recreational camping is limited to 14 days.

Cross Country Skiing – volunteers from the Gunnison Nordic Club groom 16 miles of trails for both classic and skate skiing that can be accessed from either entrance. This area is important for wintering wildlife so please respect the animals by staying on groomed routes and control your pets at all times.

Target Shooting – portions of Hartman Rocks are temporarily closed to recreational target shooting. To view a map of the closure area, visit the BLM Gunnison Field Office website at www.blm.gov/co/st/en/fo/gfo.html or call (970) 642-4940.

Competitive or Special Events and Guiding – contact the land managing agencies several months ahead of any event you want to hold in this area. These events often require permits, insurance, and fees. All commercial operations require a permit from the land management agency.



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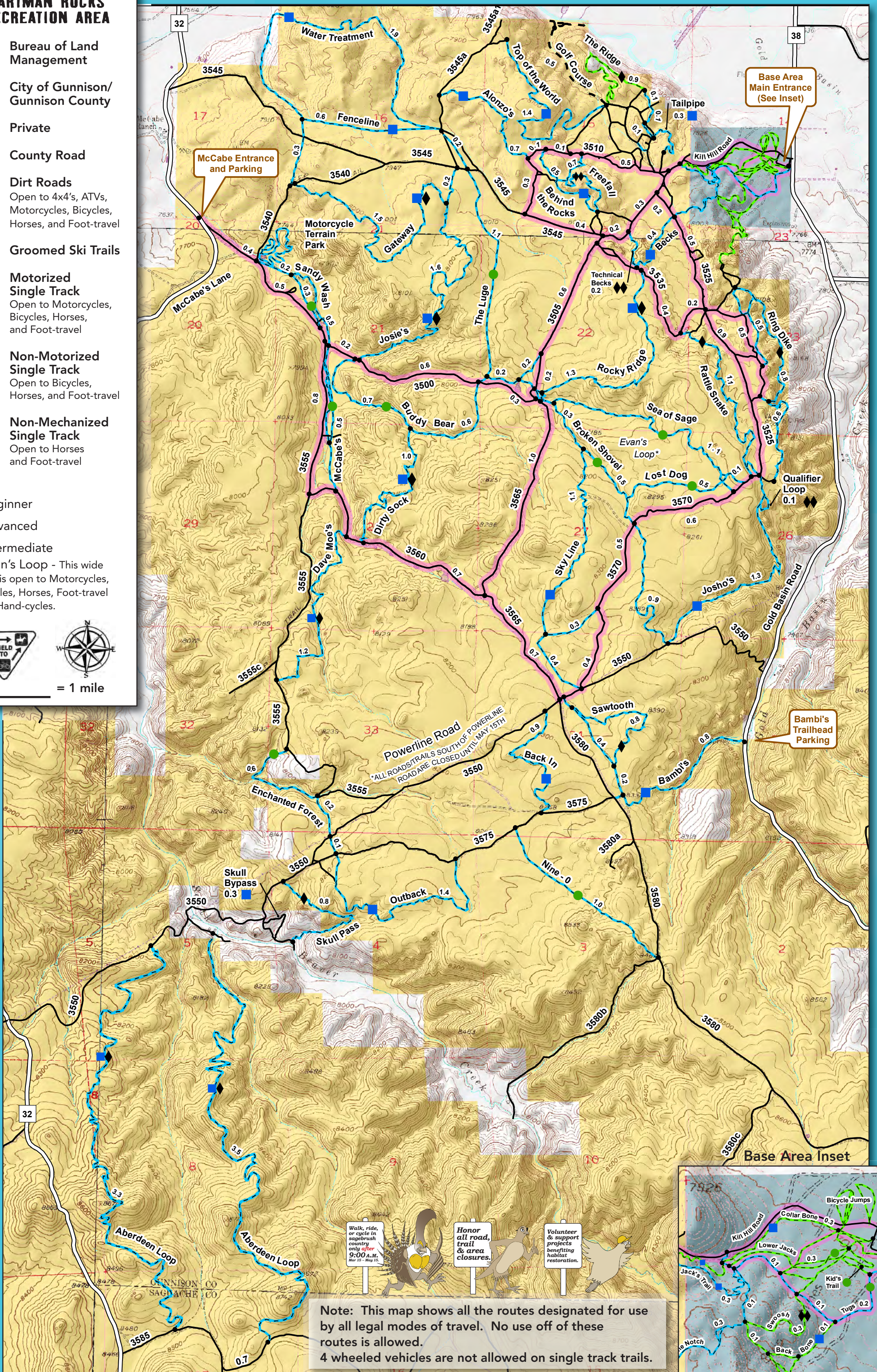
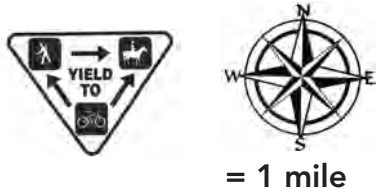
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HARTMAN ROCKS RECREATION AREA

- Bureau of Land Management
- City of Gunnison/ Gunnison County
- Private
- County Road
- Dirt Roads
Open to 4x4's, ATVs, Motorcycles, Bicycles, Horses, and Foot-travel
- Groomed Ski Trails
- Motorized Single Track
Open to Motorcycles, Bicycles, Horses, and Foot-travel
- Non-Motorized Single Track
Open to Bicycles, Horses, and Foot-travel
- Non-Mechanized Single Track
Open to Horses and Foot-travel

- Beginner
- Advanced
- Intermediate
- Evan's Loop - This wide trail is open to Motorcycles, Bicycles, Horses, Foot-travel and Hand-cycles.

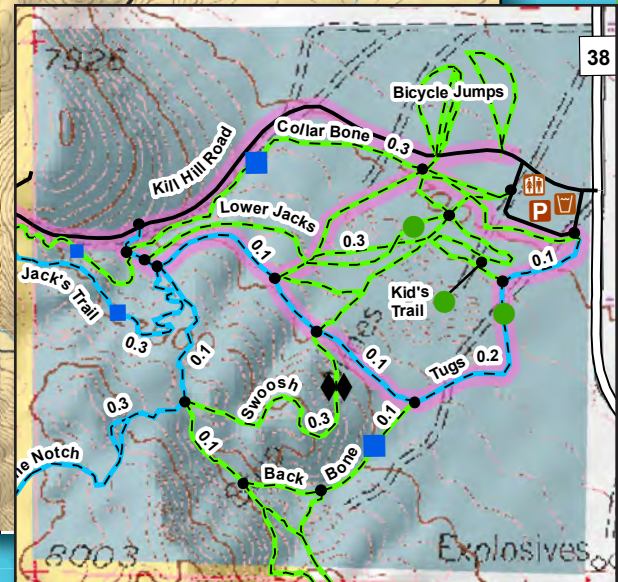


Base Area Main Entrance (See Inset)

McCabe Entrance and Parking

Bambi's Trailhead Parking

Base Area Inset



Walk, ride, or cycle in sagebrush country only after 9:00 a.m. Mar 15 - May 15.

Honor all road, trail & area closures.

Volunteer & support projects benefiting habitat restoration.

Note: This map shows all the routes designated for use by all legal modes of travel. No use off of these routes is allowed. 4 wheeled vehicles are not allowed on single track trails.